major cities like Trivandrum, Ernakulam, Trichy, Madurai etc; and

(b) whether Government have sought the help of foreign agencies to build satellite reservation terminals at these important business centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Computerised reservation facility at Madras is already in the process of extension to Bangalore. Further work for extending this facility to Trivandrum has been included in the Works Programme for 1989-90. There are no plans at present to extend the facility available in the Madras system to any other city.

(b) Government has not sought help of any foreign agency to build satellite reservation terminals.

Development of Calcutta and Haldia Ports

2260. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government are going to take to further develop the Calcutta Port;

(b) whether Government have decided to construct a container terminal at Haldia port through private agencies; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) In the 7th Five Year Plan an outlay of Rs. 139.00 crores was provided for the Plan Works relating to Calcutta Port. The important schemes pertaining to development of Calcutta Port included in the Annual Plan 1989-90 are as under:—

S. No.	Name of the Scheme
1.	Development of Container Park at Calcutta.
2.	Modernisation of Railway System for K.P. Dock Area.
3.	Replacement of 6 steam plus 3 Diesel Locos by 4 Diesel Locos.
4.	Acquisition of Pollution vessels.
5.	Bhagirathi Hooghly River Training Works.
6.	Scheme on recession of Jiggerkhali flat.
7.	Construction of Second Oil Jetty with Tractor Tugs at Haldia.
8.	Construction of Additional General Cargo Berth at Haldia.
9.	Augmentation of existing Container Handling Terminal at Haldia.

(b) No such decision has been taken.

(c) Does not arise.

Flaws in Sati Prevention Act, 1987

2261. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the serious flaws detected by some women's organisations in the Sati Prevention Act, 1987, as reported in the Times of India dated the 15th December, 1987;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered these shortcomings; and

(c) whether Government propose to introduce a fresh legislation in order to remove all the flaws in the Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND

CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Government are aware of the report in the Times of India dated 15th December, 1987.

(b) The Government has considered the issues raised in the above report.

(c) The Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act 1987 has come into force with effect from 21st March, 1988 only. It is too early to consider introducing fresh legislation at this stage.

Appointment for the post of Constables in Railway Protection Force

2262. SHRI MAULANA ASAD MADNI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of persons belonging to minority community (Muslim) appointed to the posts of constables in R.P.F. during the period from January, 1987 to 31st December, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): 234 candidates belonging to muslim community have been appointed as Constables in the Railway Protection Force during this period.

Removal and Reinstatement of Director of Delhi Public Library

2263. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Director of Delhi Public Library was some time back removed from the post of Librarian Grade-I due to his inefficiency and incompetence but later on reinstated on mercy appeal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the present Chairman of the Delhi Public Library concealed from the members of the Selection Committee and the Ministry the facts relating to his past service history at the time of his appointment to that post;

(c) if not, whether the Ministry was aware of the past conduct of the person at the time of his appointment; and

(d) whether a number of complaints have been received against the present Director concerning his incompetence, misbehaviour, misuse of power and corrupt practices, if so, whether these have been investigated and if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A few complaints were received from persons using fictitious names. However, these complaints were found to be baseless.

Agencies Engaged in Orissa for the Removal of Illiteracy

2264. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the voluntary agencies engaged in Orissa for the removal of illiteracy; and

(b) what steps have been taken by the Orissa Government for removing illiteracy in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) A list of Voluntary Organisations who are currently